



Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) Steering Committee

Meeting notes from 05/14/15

ATTENDANCE		
David Coatney	Mike Fisher	Chuck Frazier
Ricardo Gonzalez	Danielle Hale	Tim Ocnaschek
Juan Ortiz	Frank Patterson	Bill Ted Smith
Larry Trevino		
From TDEM:	Lisa Resendez	Michelle Gonzales (scribe)
WELCOME		
Chair Patterson called the meeting to order and provided brief welcoming remarks. Roll was taken.		
MEETING MINUTES		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes from the last two meetings approved, will be e-mailed out. 		
STAFF REPORTS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reports. 		
2015 FUNDING FORMULA		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extensive discussion was held on the topic. Committee members expressed concerns about several issues to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Differences between the funding formula they were told TDEM would be used and the one that was actually used; Whether the committee should continue if it had already met its mission (developing a funding formula); Lack of guidance from Chief Kidd and TDEM; and Who should control the formula. A member noted there had been questions from Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) cities in his area about how the formula was determined. The member stated he answered questions as best he could and invited those UASI jurisdictions to attend the May 14 meeting. He noted none of those jurisdictions were in attendance. At the conclusion of this discussion, members recommended: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Using the formula that was recommended last year without the over and under. A probationary period to be implemented in 2016 for new applicants. The committee would provide the formula and TDEM would plug in the numbers. 		
OTHER ITEMS		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IAEM EMPG Survey (How can the committee encourage broader participation?) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was noted that the survey has closed and the percentage of return was very small. The committee recommended the survey be sent to non-IAEM members to increase response. Jurisdiction Recognition Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For jurisdictions that successfully completed their EMPG requirements, there should be some sort of recognition, perhaps a certificate and coin, which is tangible and can be shown to city councils. Resendez noted there is a list of 62 jurisdictions that have successfully completed EMPG requirements. Resendez will maintain the list until further guidance is provided. Suggestion list for TDEM leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Patterson to set a meeting with Chief Kidd to discuss the committee's concerns, clarify the committee's role, and discuss reasons for the changes in committee recommendations. Get all committees and councils together once a year to increase situational awareness, visibility and communication. Future agenda items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After the meeting with Chief Kidd, Chair Patterson will send out suggestions for the next meeting. 		

- General Discussion
 - A committee member relayed concerns from a jurisdiction about meeting the 30 hours of appropriate hazard awareness activities for local citizens during the fiscal year.
 - Resendez clarified the jurisdictions could fulfill this requirement, or prepare and distribute, or arrange for distribution of emergency-related public information materials that reach more than 50% of the community. She referred the group back to the EMPG Guide for direction.
- EMPG Membership
 - At the last meeting several issues arose, to include adequate representation for all areas of the state, who should be members, and is the member a jurisdiction or an individual (individual who was a member left an agency and continued on the committee).
 - To address these issues, Patterson created a document for committee member review.
 - Document will be sent out to committee members with these notes.
 - Discussion was held about the document and several clarifications made, to include clarifying if a city did not want to provide a representative then they don't have to, and making recommendations for future membership (including a tribal element).
- Adjournment

NEXT MEETINGS

TBD